

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 26, 2008, and that the time during the adjournment count post-cloture; provided further, that Senator Murkowski, or her designee, control the time from 1:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. on Thursday, June 26, 2008, and that the time count post-cloture. **Page S6171**

### House Messages:

**Foreclosure Prevention Act:** By 79 yeas to 16 nays (Vote No. 157), Senate concurred in the amendment of the House of Representatives striking section 1 through Title V and inserting certain language to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3221, to provide needed housing reform, with Reid (for Dodd/Shelby) Amendment No. 4983, of a perfecting nature, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S6097–S6141**

#### Adopted:

Bond Modified Amendment No. 4987 (to Amendment No. 4983), to enhance mortgage loan disclosure requirements with additional safeguards for adjustable rate mortgages with an initial fixed rate and loans that contain prepayment penalty. **Pages S6097, S6138–40**

Sununu Modified Amendment No. 4999 (to Amendment No. 4983), to address small public housing agency paperwork reduction. **Pages S6097, S6138–40**

Kohl Modified Amendment No. 4988 (to Amendment No. 4983), to protect the property and security of homeowners who are subject to foreclosure proceedings. **Pages S6097, S6138–40**

#### Withdrawn:

Dole Amendment No. 4984 (to Amendment No. 4983), to improve the regulation of appraisal standards. **Pages S6097, S6140**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Michael Bruce Donley, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Air Force.

Jason J. Fichtner, of Virginia, to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security for the term expiring January 19, 2013.

James A. Williams, of Virginia, to be Administrator of General Services.

Santanu K. Baruah, of Oregon, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

A routine list in the Army. **Page S6171**

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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—158) **Page S6141**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:42 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 26, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6171.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: EIA

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Energy Information Administration (EIA), focusing on forecasts for oil and gasoline prices, after receiving testimony from Guy Caruso, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy.

### AFGHANISTAN

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a closed hearing to examine the current situation in Afghanistan, after receiving testimony from General Dan K. McNeill, USA (Ret.), former Commander, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) International Security Assistance Force.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Neel T. Kashkari, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Christopher R. Wall, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, Sheila McNamara Greenwood, of Louisiana, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Susan D. Peppler, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Joseph J. Murin, of Pennsylvania, to be President, Government National Mortgage Association, Luis Aguilar, of Georgia, Troy A. Paredes, of Missouri, and Elisse Walter, of Maryland, all to

be Members of the Securities and Exchange Commission, Donald B. Marron, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers, and Michael E. Fryzel, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board.

#### FUTURE ENERGY NEEDS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the increased global energy demand, focusing on the challenges for meeting future energy needs, while developing new technologies to address current and future global climate change, after receiving testimony from Raymond L. Orbach, Under Secretary of Energy for Science; Neil Hirst, International Energy Agency, Paris, France; Tom Wilson, Electric Power Research Institute Global Climate Change Research, Palo Alto, California; and Raymond J. Kopp, Resources for the Future, and Karan Bhatia, General Electric Company, both of Washington, D.C.

#### FEDERAL ROLE FOR SURFACE TRANSPORTATION

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the future federal role for surface transportation, focusing on safety, maintenance, and expansion needs for the capacity and reliability of the highway freight system, after receiving testimony from Bruce E. Seely, Michigan Technological University, Houghton; Lance R. Grenzeback, Cambridge Systematics Inc., Cambridge, Massachusetts; Kathleen F. Marvaso, American Automobile Association (AAA), and Deron Lovaas, Natural Resources Defense Council, both of Washington, D.C.; Samuel R. Staley, Reason Foundation, Los Angeles, California; and Alan E. Pisarski, Falls Church, Virginia.

#### PAKISTAN

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine a new strategy for an enhanced partnership with Pakistan, after receiving testimony from Richard A. Boucher, Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs; Mitchell Shivers, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asian and Pacific Affairs; Mark S. Ward, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator for Asia, U.S. Agency for International Development; General Anthony C. Zinni, USMC (Ret.), former Commander in Chief, United States Central Command, Falls Church, Virginia; and Wendy J. Chamberlain, Middle East Institute, Washington, D.C.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 1924, to amend chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, to create a presumption that a disability or death of a Federal employee in fire protection activities caused by any of certain diseases is the result of the performance of such employee's duty, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 5683, to make certain reforms with respect to the Government Accountability Office, with amendments;

S. 3013, to provide for retirement equity for Federal employees in nonforeign areas outside the 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia, with amendments;

S. 3175, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to reauthorize the predisaster hazard mitigation program, to make technical corrections to that Act, with amendments;

S. 2382, to require the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to quickly and fairly address the abundance of surplus manufactured housing units stored by the Federal Government around the country at taxpayer expense, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2148, to provide for greater diversity within, and to improve policy direction and oversight of, the Senior Executive Service, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2816, to provide for the appointment of the Chief Human Capital Officer of the Department of Homeland Security by the Secretary of Homeland Security;

S. 3015, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 18 S. G Street, Lakeview, Oregon, as the "Dr. Bernard Daly Post Office Building";

H.R. 5395 and S. 2622, bills to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11001 Dunklin Drive in St. Louis, Missouri, as the "William 'Bill' Clay Post Office Building";

H.R. 5479, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 117 North Kidd Street in Ionia, Michigan, as the "Alonzo Woodruff Post Office Building";

H.R. 4185, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11151 Valley Boulevard in El Monte, California, as the "Marisol Heredia Post Office Building";

H.R. 5528, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 Commercial Street in Brockton, Massachusetts, as the "Rocky Marciano Post Office Building";

H.R. 3721, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1190 Lorena Road in Lorena, Texas, as the "Marine Gunnery Sgt. John D. Fry Post Office Building";

H.R. 5517, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7231 FM 1960 in Humble, Texas, as the "Texas Military Veterans Post Office";

H.R. 5168, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 19101 Cortez Boulevard in Brooksville, Florida, as the "Cody Grater Post Office Building";

S. 3082, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1700 Cleveland Avenue in Kansas City, Missouri, as the "Reverend Earl Abel Post Office Building"; and

The nomination of Elaine C. Duke, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Management, Department of Homeland Security.

### OVERSEAS TRAVEL PRIVACY VIOLATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution concluded a hearing to examine practices by the Department of Homeland Security at ports of entry of the United States, focusing on laptop searches and other violations of privacy faced by Americans returning from overseas travel, after receiving testimony from James Jay Carafano, Heritage

Foundation, and Peter P. Swire, Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, on behalf of the Center for American Progress Action Fund, both of Washington, D.C.; Larry Cunningham, Bronx District Attorney Office, Bronx, New York; Susan K. Gurley, Association of Corporate Travel Executives, Alexandria, Virginia; Farhana Y. Khera, Muslim Advocates, and Lee Tien, Electronic Frontier Foundation, both of San Francisco, California; and Nathan A. Sales, George Mason University School of Law, Arlington, Virginia.

### HOME HEATING OIL PRICES

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine solutions to address the rise in home heating oil prices, after receiving testimony from David F. Johnson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Energy for Petroleum Reserves; Jennifer Brooks, Penquis, Bangor, Maine; Sandra Farrell, Northboro Oil Company, Northboro, Massachusetts; Michael J. Ferrante, Massachusetts Oilheat Council, Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts; and Michael D. Stoddard, Environment Northeast, Portland, Maine.

## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 14 public bills, H.R. 6362–6375; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 382 and H. Res. 1305, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 1304, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6052) to promote increased public transportation use and to promote increased use of alternative fuels in providing public transportation (H. Rept. 110–734).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Davis (AL) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Archie E. Barringer, Veterans Medical Clinic, Fayetteville, North Carolina.

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**Alternative Minimum Tax Relief Act of 2008:** The House passed H.R. 6275, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide individuals temporary relief from the alternative minimum tax, by

a recorded vote of 233 ayes to 189 noes, Roll No. 455.

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Rejected the McCrery motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House promptly with amendments, by a yea-and-nay vote of 199 yeas to 222 nays, Roll No. 454.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted.

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H. Res. 1297, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 452, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 451.

Pages H6022–25, H6029–30

**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Monday, June 23rd:

*Authorizing the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program at fiscal year 2006 levels through 2012:* H.R. 3546, to authorize the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant